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PUBLIC ACT SUMMARY



PA 13-11—sHB 6212
General Law Committee

AN ACT CONCERNING WINE TASTING AT PACKAGE STORES

SUMMARY: This act increases, from four to 10, the maximum number of open wine bottles allowed at package store wine tastings at one time. Previously, state regulations limited the maximum number to four (Conn. Agencies Reg. § 30-6-B21a(a)(5)).

By law, package store permittees, on their premises, may offer free alcoholic liquor samples for tasting or conduct fee-based wine education and tasting classes and demonstrations. By regulation, these tastings must (1) be held between noon and 8:00 p.m., but not during times when off-premises alcohol sales are prohibited (e.g., New Year's Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and after 5:00 p.m. on Sundays) and (2) not exceed the following amounts per patron: one half ounce for liquor, one ounce for wine, and two ounces for beer.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

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